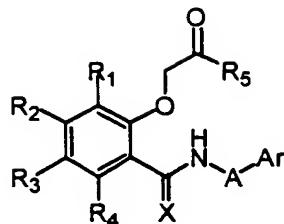


We claim:

1. A compound of the formula:



or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein

5 A is a covalent bond, C₁-C₄ alkylene group optionally substituted with C₁-C₂ alkyl or mono- or disubstituted with halogen, preferably fluoro or chloro;

X is oxygen, sulfur or NR₆, wherein each R₆ is hydrogen, cyano or an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be 10 substituted with one or more halogens);

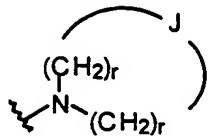
R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, or nitro, or an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more halogens;

15 OR₇, SR₇, S(O)R₇, S(O)₂R₇, C(O)N(R₇)₂, or N(R₇)₂, wherein each R₇ is independently hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with one or more halogens) or benzyl, where the phenyl portion is 20 optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

25 phenyl or heteroaryl each of which phenyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

phenoxy where the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino; or

30 a group of the formula



where

J is a bond, CH₂, oxygen, or nitrogen; and
each r is independently 2 or 3;

5 R₅ is hydroxy or a prodrug group; and
Ar represents aryl or heteroaryl, each of which is optionally
substituted with up to five groups.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein
10 Ar is optionally substituted benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl,
isoquinolyl, benzothiophen-yl, benzofuran-yl or benzimidazolyl,
or substituted oxadiazolyl or indolyl.

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is a
15 covalent bond or CH₂; R₅ is hydroxy; and each of R₁-R₄ are
independently hydrogen, halogen, more preferably bromo, chloro
or fluoro, C₁-C₂ alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, or C₁-C₂ alkoxy.

4. A compound according to claim 2, wherein A is a
20 covalent bond or CH₂; R₅ is hydroxy; and each of R₁-R₄ are
independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₂ alkyl, phenoxy,
benzyloxy, or C₁-C₂ alkoxy.

25 5. A compound according to claim 2, wherein R₁ and R₄
are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R₂ and R₃ are independently
hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C₁-C₂ alkyl, phenoxy,
benzyloxy, C₁-C₂ alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl)amino,
morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein at least one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen, and both R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen.

7. A compound according to claim 1, wherein
5 A is methylene;
 R_5 is hydroxy;

Ar is optionally substituted benzothiazol-2-yl, benzothiazol-5-yl, benzoisothiazol-3-yl, benzoxazol-2-yl, 2-quinolyl, 2-quinoxalyl, oxazolo[4,5-b]pyridine-2-yl, 10 benzothiophen-2-yl, benzofuran-2-yl, or thazolo[4,5-pyridine-2-yl, thieno[2,3-b]pyridine2-yl, imidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-yl, or indol-2-yl, or substituted 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl, 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl, isothiazol-5-yl, isothiazol-4-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazol-5-yl, 1,2,5-thiadiazol-3-yl, oxazol-2-yl, thiazol-2-15 yl, or thiazol-4-yl; and

20 R_1 - R_4 are independently hydrogen, halogen, more preferably bromo, chloro or fluoro, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy or phenyl where each phenyl portion is optionally substituted with C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxy, amino or mono- or di (C_1 - C_6) alkylamino.

8. A compound according to claim 2, wherein R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy, 25 benzyloxy, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

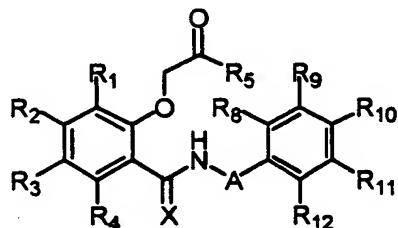
9. A compound according to claim 1, wherein
30 A is methylene;
 R_5 is hydroxy;
Ar is an optionally 4,5,6 or 7-substituted benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzofuranyl, or indolyl, or

Ar is 2-benzothiazolyl substituted on benzo by one trifluoroacetyl or trifluoromethylthio, or one or two of fluoro chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethylthio, or one or, preferably, 5 two fluoro and one trifluoromethyl, or two fluoro or two trifluoromethyl with one methoxy, or three fluoro, or by 6,7-benzo.

10. A compound according to claim 7, wherein both R₁ and 10 R₄ are hydrogen or C₁-C₃ alkyl.

11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein at least one of R₂ and R₃ is hydrogen, and both R₁ and R₄ are hydrogen.

15 12. A compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein A is a C₁-C₄ alkylene group optionally substituted with C₁-C₂ alkyl;

20 X is oxygen, sulfur or NR₆, wherein each R₆ is hydrogen, cyano or an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with one or more halogens);

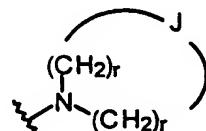
R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms 25 optionally substituted with one or more halogens, nitro, OR₁, SR₁, S(O)R₁, S(O)₂NR₁, C(O)N(R₁)₂, or N(R₁)₂, wherein each R₁ is independently hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more halogens or benzyl where the phenyl 30 portion is optionally substituted with up to three

groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

5 phenyl or heteroaryl such as 2-, 3- or 4-imidazolyl or 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, each of which phenyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

10 phenoxy where the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino; or

a group of the formula



15 where

J is a bond, CH₂, oxygen, or nitrogen; and each r is independently 2, or 3;

20 R₅ is hydroxy, an alkoxy group of 1-6 carbon atoms, or -O-M⁺ where M⁺ is a cation forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt; and

R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁ and R₁₂ in combination, represent hydrogen, or 1-3 groups selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl or nitro.

25 13. A compound according to claim 12, wherein R₁ and R₄ are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C₁-C₂ alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, C₁-C₂ alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

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14. A compound according to claim 13, wherein R₈-R₁₂ represent one trifluoroacetyl or trifluoromethylthio, or one or

two of fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethylthio, or one or, preferably, two fluoro and one trifluoromethyl, or two fluoro or two trifluoromethyl with one methoxy, or three 5 fluoro.

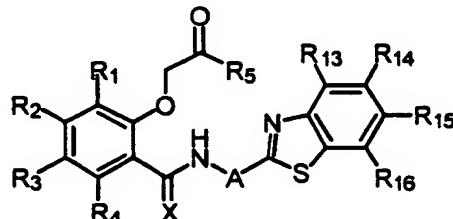
15. A compound according to claim 12, wherein R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy, 10 benzyloxy, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

16. A compound according to claim 15, wherein both R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen or C_1 - C_3 alkyl.

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17. A compound according to claim 16, wherein at least one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen, and both R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen.

18. A compound of the formula:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein

A is a covalent bond, C_1 - C_4 alkylene group optionally substituted with C_1 - C_2 alkyl;

25 X is oxygen, sulfur or NR_6 , wherein each R_6 is hydrogen, cyano or an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with one or more halogens);

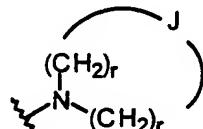
R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are each independently hydrogen, halogen, an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with one or more halogens), nitro, OR_7 , SR_7 , $S(O)R_7$, 30 $S(O)_2NR_7$, $C(O)N(R_7)_2$ or $N(R_7)_2$, wherein each R_7 is

independently hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with one or more halogens) or benzyl, where the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

5 phenyl or heteroaryl such as 2-, 3- or 4-imidazolyl or 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, each of which phenyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with up to three groups 10 independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino;

phenoxy where the phenyl portion is optionally substituted 15 with up to three groups independently selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, and mono- or di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino; or

a group of the formula



where

J is a bond, CH₂, oxygen, or nitrogen; and

20 each r is independently 2 or 3;

R₅ is hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or -O⁻M⁺ where M⁺ is a cation forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt; and

R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are independently hydrogen, halogen, nitro, 25 hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl.

19. A compound according to claim 18, wherein R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆, in combination, represent one of bromo, cyano or 30 nitro, one or two of fluoro, chloro, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or trifluoromethyl, or two fluoro or two methyl with

one hydroxy or one (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or two fluoro and one methyl, or three fluoro groups.

20. A compound according to claim 18, wherein R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently represent fluorine, chlorine, nitro, and trifluoromethyl.

21. A compound according to claim 19, wherein A is methylene, methylene substituted with a methyl group, or ethylene.

22. A compound according to claim 21, wherein R₁₃, R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ independently represent nitro, one, two, or three of fluoro, one or two of chloro, or one trifluoromethyl group.

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23. A compound according to claim 22, wherein A is methylene, and R₅ is hydroxy or C₁-C₆ alkoxy.

24. A compound according to claim 23, wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

25. A compound according to claim 24, wherein R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₆ are fluorines and R₁₅ is hydrogen.

26. A compound according to claim 18, wherein R₁ and R₄ are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C₁-C₂ alkyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, C₁-C₂ alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C₁-C₃ alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

27. A compound according to claim 26, wherein R₈-R₁₂ represent one trifluoroacetyl or trifluoromethylthio, or one or

two of fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethylthio, or one or, preferably, two fluoro and one trifluoromethyl, or two fluoro or two trifluoromethyl with one methoxy, or three 5 fluoro.

28. A compound according to claim 27, wherein R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, bromo, chloro, fluoro, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, phenoxy, 10 benzyloxy, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, amino, mono or di(C_1 - C_3 alkyl)amino, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, or piperazin-1-yl.

29. A compound according to claim 28, wherein both R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen or C_1 - C_3 alkyl.

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30. A compound according to claim 29, wherein at least one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen, and both R_1 and R_4 are hydrogen. which is selected from:

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31. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-chloro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid.

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[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-chloro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid ethyl ester;

(2-Benzylcarbamoyl-5-chloro-phenoxy)-acetic acid;

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[5-Chloro-2-(3-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic
acid;

[5-Chloro-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

[2- (3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl) -5-chloro-phenoxy] -acetic acid;

5 [5-Chloro-2- (4-chloro-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid;

10 [2- (4-Bromo-benzylcarbamoyl) -5-chloro-phenoxy] -acetic acid;

15 [5-Chloro-2- (4-methoxy-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid; or

20 [5-Chloro-2- (4-trifluoromethoxy-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid.

25 32. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[5-Chloro-2- (2,6-difluoro-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid;

30 [5-Chloro-2- (3-fluoro-5-trifluoromethyl-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid;

35 [2- (3,5-Bistrifluoromethyl-benzylcarbamoyl) -5-chloro-phenoxy] -acetic acid;

40 [5-Chloro-2- (3,5-dimethoxy-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid;

45 [5-Chloro-2- (3,4-dichloro-benzylcarbamoyl) -phenoxy] -acetic acid;

50 {2- [(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl) -carbamoyl] -5-chloro-phenoxy} -acetic acid;

13 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methoxy-phenoxy]-
acetic acid; or

14 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methoxy-phenoxy-
5 acetic acid ethyl ester.

15 33. A compound according to claim 1, which is

16 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-chloro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

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18 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

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20 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-fluoro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

21 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-methyl-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

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23 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-nitro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid;

24 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-nitro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid tert-butyl ester;

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26 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-nitro-phenoxy]-
acetic acid; or

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28 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methyl-phenoxy]-
acetic acid.

29 34. A compound according to claim 1, which is
30 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic
acid;

5 [2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

10 [2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

15 [2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

20 [2- (3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

25 [2- (3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-trifluoromethoxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

30 [5-Fluoro-2- (3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid; or

35. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

40 [5-Fluoro-2- (4-methyl-3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

45 [2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4,5-difluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

50 [2- (4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-3,5-difluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

5 [5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid; or

10 [4-Bromo-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid.

36. A compound according to claim 1, which is
15 [2-(3-Nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-4-trifluoromethoxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-4,5-difluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

20 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

30 [4-Amino-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-methoxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid; or

5 [4-Amino-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid allyl ester.

5 37. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[4-Acetylamino-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid allyl ester;

10 [4-Acetylamino-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

15 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

20 [4-Allyloxy-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

25 [4-Allyloxy-2-(4-bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

20 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

25 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-propoxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid; or

30 [2-(2-Fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-propoxy-phenoxy]-acetic acid.

38. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-

phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

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[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

15 [2-(3-Nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-methyl-phenoxy]-acetic acid; or

[4-Bromo-5-fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid.

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39. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[4-Bromo-5-fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

25 [5-(3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid;

[5-(3-Nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid;

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[2-(3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-cyano-5-fluoro-phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-Nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-morpholin-4-yl-

phenoxy]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-5-fluoro-4-morpholin-4-yl-phenoxy]-acetic acid ethyl ester;

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{5-Fluoro-2-[(4,5,7-trifluoro-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid; or

10 {5-Fluoro-2-[(4,5,7-trifluoro-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid ethyl ester.

40. A compound according to claim 1, which is

{5-Fluoro-2-[(4,5,7-trifluoro-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)-thiocarbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid;

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{5-Fluoro-2-[(4,5,7-trifluoro-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)-thiocarbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid ethyl ester;

20 {5-Fluoro-2-[(5-trifluoromethyl-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid;

{5-Chloro-2-[(5-trifluoromethyl-benzothiazol-2-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid;

25 [5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid benzyl ester;

[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid 3-methyl-butyl ester;

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[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid octyl ester; or

[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid

butyl ester.

41. A compound according to claim 1, which is
[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic
5 acid cyclohexyl ester;

[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid
2-ethyl-hexyl ester;

10 [5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid
2-methoxy-ethyl ester;

[5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic
acid octyl ester;

15 [5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylthiocarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic
acid 3-methyl-butyl ester;

20 [5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid
2-diethylammonium-ethyl ester hydrochloride;

5-Fluoro-2-(3-nitro-benzylcarbamoyl)-phenoxy]-acetic acid
2-trimethylammonium chloride-ethyl ester; or

25 [2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-methoxy-phenoxy]-
acetic.

42. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an predetermined amount
30 of a compound according to claim 1.

43. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 42,
further comprising an Angiotensin Converting Enzyme inhibitor.

44. A pharmaceutical composition as claimed 43 wherein the angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor is selected from benazepril, benazeprilar, captopril, delapril, fentiapril, fosinopril, libenzapril, moexipril, pentopril, petindopril,
5 pivopril, quinapril, quinaprilat, ramipril, spirapril, spiraprilat, zofenopril, ceronapril, enalapril, indolapril, omaprilat, lisinopril, alacepril, cilazapril, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

10 45. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 43, wherein the angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of selected from benazepril, benazeprilar, captopril, delapril, fentiapril, fosinopril, libenzapril, moexipril, pentopril, petindopril, pivopril,
15 quinapril, quinaprilat, ramipril, spirapril, spiraprilat, zofenopril, ceronapril, enalapril, indolapril, omaprilat, lisinopril, alacepril, cilazapril, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20 46. A method for treating diabetic complications comprising administering to a patient suffering from such complications an effective amount of a compound of according to claim 1.

25 47. A method according to claim 46, where the compound is administered to the patient as a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

30 48. A method according to claim 47, where the pharmaceutical composition further comprises an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor.

49. A method for the treatment or prevention of the development of disease conditions associated with impaired neuronal conduction velocity comprising administering to a patient suffering from or prone to develop such complications 5 an effective amount of a compound of according to claim 1.

50. A method for the treatment or prevention of diabetic neuropathy comprising administering to a patient suffering from or prone to develop such complications an effective amount of a 10 compound of according to claim 1.

51. A method according to claim 50, where the compound is administered to the patient as a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically 15 acceptable carrier.

52. A method according to claim 51, where the pharmaceutical composition further comprises an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor.

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53. A method according to claim 52, wherein the angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of selected from benazepril, benazeprilar, 25 captorpril, delapril, fentiapril, fosinopril, libenzapril, moexipril, pentopril, petindopril, pivopril, quinapril, quinaprilat, ramipril, spirapril, spiraprilat, zofenopril, ceronapril, enalapril, indolapril, omaprilat, lisinopril, alacepril, cilazapril, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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